GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:467
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2002
REFUSAL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE DELIVERY OF PALM OIL
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments have refused to take delivery of palm-oil from the godowns of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons;

(c) the losses suffered by the Union Government on this account during each of last three years;

(d) whether the Government have imported palm-oil despite the adverse situation; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.467 DUE FOR ANSWE 26-04-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): No, Sir. The delivery of RBD Palmolein imported for the Public Distribution System is not made from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India/Central Warehousing Corporation.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) was authorized to import edible oil for the Public Distribution SystemThe losses incurred by the STC on account of edible oiloperations due to the difference in the cost of import and the Central Issue Price were reimbursed to the STC by the Government.The details of reimbursements made during the last three years are indicated below:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Amount
1999-2000	50.00
2000-2001	40.00
2001-2002	7.99

(d)&(e): Due to easy availability of edible oils at reasonable prices in the open market, the Government has not imported any edible oil after September, 1999.